

Illinois Commerce Commission
Pipeline Safety
Field Trip Report

Operator: AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY	Operator ID#: 32513
Exit Meeting Contact: John Bozarth	Total Man Days: 2
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Inspection Summary

Inspection Type	Location	ICC Analyst	Inspection Unit(s)	Man Day(s)	Inspection Date(s)	Contact(s)
Compliance Follow-Up	Pawnee	Matt Smith & Kevin Hecker	PAWNEE	2	10/10/2013	Dallas Jett, John Bozarth, Mike Fuller

Statement of Activities

Staff conducted a compliance follow-up audit at the Ameren Illinois Pawnee's facility on October 10, 2013, to discuss areas of concern discovered during a previous audit of the Ameren Springfield inspection unit.

During a previous audit in 2011, Staff identified incorrect pipeline markers containing legacy operating names listed on the markers. This was brought to the attention of Ameren personnel and a commitment by Ameren was made to replace the incorrect pipeline markers with the appropriate operator name by December 31, 2015. Ameren was allowed the extended time frame to allow for the pipeline markers to be inspected during the normal leak survey cycle.

Staff conducted an audit of the Ameren Springfield inspection unit in September 2013. During the audit, Staff discovered pipeline markers along a transmission pipeline that did not contain the current phone number or operator name. The phone number listed on the pipeline marker is answered by Ameren for an emergency, but Ameren is shifting to a new phone number instead of maintaining the legacy phone numbers.

The concern of the inaccurate operating name on the pipeline markers on the transmission pipelines is due to the pipeline is leak surveyed on an annual basis. At certain locations along the pipeline, where pipeline markers are present, a pipeline patrol is conducted quarterly. Staff is concerned that Ameren is not taking adequate steps to replace the pipeline markers throughout the Ameren Illinois territory. Mr. Bozarth discussed that discussions have been held by various Ameren operating personnel to begin replacing the pipeline markers that contained inaccurate information.

The meeting also focused on the corresponding procedures in Ameren's O&M regarding pipeline markers. Ameren O&M procedure PMRK 1, #3, simply lists the pipeline markers must contain the operator's name, and telephone number. Staff mentioned this procedure may be too vague for various Ameren personnel. Staff suggested that Ameren better clarify the correct operator name and the telephone number that should be listed on all pipeline markers.

Staff had a second concern during the meeting. The concern had to do with overgrown areas along the pipeline route. Staff identified, during the September 2013 audit, an area north and south of Veterans Parkway along the transmission route that was overgrown with trees and weeds. Ameren Quality Assurance Department walked portions of this area and determined the area was acceptable to conduct a leak survey.

Staff reviewed leak survey and patrols along this pipeline route from 2011-present. In 2012, leak survey reports listed areas requiring mowing. Staff is concerned the areas are not maintained in a manner that would allow for a leak survey to be conducted using leak survey equipment.

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Staff has requested the Ameren Quality Assurance Department to conduct follow-up audits in areas along transmission pipelines throughout Ameren Illinois to determine if the conditions are acceptable to properly leak survey the pipeline. Ameren should pick a sampling of different leak surveyors in different areas of the operating territory.

ISSUE(S) FOUND:

NO ISSUES FOUND.

ISSUE(S) CORRECTED:

NO ISSUES CORRECTED.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT(S) FOUND:

NO NOAs FOUND.

NOA(S) CORRECTED:

NO NOAs CORRECTED.

NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION(S) FOUND:

NO NOPVs FOUND.

NOPV(S) CORRECTED:

NO NOPVs CORRECTED.